



## RESOLUTION

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**URGING THE COMMANDER OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET TO CANCEL RIMPAC 2020 IN ORDER TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF HAWAII.**

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 ("the virus"), a public health emergency of international concern; and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic of international concern; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and on April 1, 2020, the President issued a major disaster declaration for the State of Hawaii as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is recognized as an extremely infectious disease, transmitted by human contact, among other ways, and often having severe health-damaging or lethal consequences, especially in populations of the elderly (kupuna) and in those whose health is otherwise compromised; and

WHEREAS, a definitive treatment for COVID-19 is yet to be established by the recognized scientific and medical communities in the United States, and no federally approved vaccine to prevent the infection exists at this time; and

WHEREAS, as of April 22, 2020, the virus has infected over 2,620,579 worldwide, including 837,947 in the United States and 592 in Hawaii; and taken the lives of at least 182,903 people in 185 countries and regions, including 46,497 in the United States and 12 in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, to combat the virus, leaders of the State of Hawaii ("State") and the City and County of Honolulu ("City") have issued the following proclamations and orders, designed to curb transmission of the disease by limiting group contact:

1. Governor of the State of Hawaii, David Y. Ige:
  - (a) Proclamation issued on March 4, 2020, declaring the existence of a state of emergency in the State due to the COVID-19 outbreak and invoking his authority under the Hawaii Emergency Management Act, HRS Chapter 127A;



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- (b) Second Supplementary Proclamation, issued on March 21, 2020, requiring all persons entering the State to be subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine, effective March 26, 2020, but not specifying where those persons must remain quarantined;
  - (c) Third Supplementary Proclamation, issued on March 23, 2020, imposing a similar stay-at-home order statewide;
  - (d) Fourth Supplementary Proclamation, issued on March 31, 2020, requiring all persons traveling between any of the islands in the State to be subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine, effective April 1, 2020; and
  - (e) Fifth Supplementary Proclamation, issued on April 16, 2020, requiring enhanced social distancing, encouraging the use of face masks in public places, limiting certain activities outside of the home or place of residence, and placing a temporary moratorium on certain evictions.
2. Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Kirk Caldwell:
- (a) Proclamation COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus], issued on March 4, 2020, declaring the existence of a state of emergency in the City due to the COVID-19 outbreak and invoking his authority under the Hawaii Emergency Management Act;
  - (b) Supplemental Proclamation of Emergency or Disaster (COVID-19 [Novel Coronavirus]), issued on March 18, 2020, and Emergency Order No. 2020-01, issued on March 20, which together ordered all bars and nightclubs in the City to close for 15 days; all restaurants and cafes to close for 15 days except for drive-thru, pickup or delivery service; closed a number of City facilities including the Neal S. Blaisdell Center and all City parks; and canceled or curtailed a number of City events and operations;
  - (c) Stay At Home/Work From Home Order (Emergency Order No. 2020-02), issued on March 22, 2020, requiring all City residents to remain at home, except to engage in certain specified essential activities, essential governmental functions, or the operation of essential businesses;



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- (d) Emergency Order No. 2020-03, issued on March 31, 2020, requiring the closure of all private golf courses/clubs, tennis courts/clubs, and similar sports facilities within the City;
- (e) Emergency Order No. 2020-04, issued on April 2, 2020, providing for on-line automobile sales;
- (f) Emergency Order No. 2020-05, issued on April 9, 2020, providing for a holiday weekend nighttime curfew, in effect from 11:00 p.m., April 10, 2020, until 5:00 a.m., April 13, 2020;
- (g) Emergency Order No. 2020-06, issued on April 13, 2020, allowing for the operation of fabric stores as essential businesses in support of face mask production; and
- (h) Emergency Order No. 2020-07, issued on April 14, 2020, requiring persons to wear face masks in certain public places (essential businesses, public transportation); and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 has forced numerous cancellations, delays, travel bans, and sweeping, unprecedented disruptions, including the one-year postponement of the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan, from July 2020 to July 2021, the suspension of the NBA season after a Utah Jazz player was found to have tested positive for the virus, and the cancellation of the Wimbledon tennis championship matches for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the United States Pacific Fleet is scheduled to host the 27th Rim of the Pacific international maritime military exercises ("RIMPAC 2020") in and around the Hawaiian islands from June 26 to August 1, 2020, with more than 25,000 military personnel from 22 countries; and

WHEREAS, military units from Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, the People's Republic of China, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Tonga, the United Kingdom, and the United States are scheduled to participate; however, most, if not all of these countries, are currently experiencing severe COVID-19 crises within their borders; and

WHEREAS, United States service members have been stricken with COVID-19 at bases across the world, as well as on-board United States naval vessels, including sailors in a recent outbreak on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, which, as of



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April 21, 2020, resulted in the death of one sailor, positive tests for the virus of 678 sailors, hospitalization of eight sailors, and quarantine for more than 4,000 of the ship's 5,000 crew members in Guam; and

WHEREAS, joint military exercises in other locations have been cut short, scaled back, or canceled in response to the virus threat, including the planned May 4 – 15, 2020 "Balikatan 2020" exercises for 10,000 troops in the Philippines, and other planned exercises of the United States and its military partners in Europe in the Arctic, the Middle East, and South Korea; and

WHEREAS, it was reported by *Agence France Presse (Military.com)* on March 27, 2020, that the United States Indo-Pacific Command Chief Admiral Phil Davidson explained that the decision to cancel Balikatan 2020 was made "in light of the extraordinary circumstances surrounding [the] COVID-19 pandemic and in the best interest of the health and safety of both countries' forces"; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that all governments within the State of Hawaii are grappling with an unprecedented public health crisis requiring extraordinary measures to further slow down the rates of infection and death caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the Council also finds that there is a strong likelihood that military personnel coming to Hawaii for RIMPAC 2020 from the mainland United States and other countries would spread the SARS-CoV-2 virus in Hawaii, undermine the State's and City's efforts to stem the tide of COVID-19 within the State, and jeopardize the lives, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Hawaii, including the thousands of military personnel, their family members, and veterans currently living in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the Council finally finds that canceling RIMPAC 2020 would be in the best interest of the health and safety of the residents of Hawaii, as well as the military personnel of the United States and participating countries; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it strongly urges the Commander of the United States Pacific Fleet to cancel RIMPAC 2020 in order to preserve and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Hawaii; and



**CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 20-99

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States of America; the Governor of the State of Hawaii; Senator Brian Schatz; Senator Mazie Hirono; Representative Ed Case; Representative Tulsi Gabbard; the Mayor; Admiral Phil Davidson, Commander of United States Indo-Pacific Command; Admiral John Aquilino, Commander of the United States Pacific Fleet; Mark T. Esper, United States Secretary of Defense; and James E. McPherson, Acting Secretary of the United States Navy.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Ron Menor*

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**APR 23 2020**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers